Central Pay Commission recommendation *vide* OM Nos. 2-1-87—PIC-II dated 14th April, 1987 and 2-1-87—PIC-1/dated the 16th April, 1987 and they are still getting pension of Rs. 258/- PM only;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) whether Director General, Resettlement have received any representation from the Ex-Servicemen in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) War Injury Pay is admissible to those service personnel who were invalided out of service due to an injury/disability sustained during operations; provided the percentage of disability is assessed at 20 per cent or more.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The personnel of the Brigade of Guards were also given minimum pension in accordance with the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

(d) Representations received from Ex-servicemen by DGR regarding pensionary matters are sent to the concerned authorities for redressal.

Disparity in the age of retirement in Armed Forces

2509. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officers of special duty list (SD) of the rank of Lt. (Cdr.) Commander and below in the Navy are retiring at the age of 50 years, whereas their counterparts in the Army and Air Force are retiring at the age of 55 years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this disparity among the three wings of Armed Forces and the action proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether Government have issued any directions to remove this disparity; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a high level committee appointed by Government to study the problems of ex-servicemen had recommended that ex-servicemen should be re-employed upto the age of 58 years like any other Government Servant; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The age of retirement of officers in the three Services have been fixed in accordance with the specific requirements of each Service.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The High Level Committee had recommended that the plea of Service personnel that those retiring below the age of 58 years should be automatically provided placement in civilian careers so as to enable them to continue in Government service till they attained the age of 58 years merited careful and sympathetic consideration.

(e) This recommendation was considered by the Government but was not found acceptable.

IGMDP project in West Bengal

2510. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had sanctioned the I.G.M.D.P. project in 1986 for Metal and Steel Factory, Ichapore, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, whether the said project is being implemented; if not, the reasons for delay in his regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Process for Commercial Upgradation of Formed Coke

2511. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have initiated for Commercial Upgradation of the Process for Formed Coke Developed at Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI);

(b) the reasons for which the CSIR has not taken up the matter with the SAIL to set-up a demonstration plant of capacity 300 t/day as per the recommendation of the Committee constituted by RDCIS, CFRI, CMPDIL and others;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Research Council of Central Fuel Research Institute has suggested to wind up the Formed Coke Project at CFRI; and

(d) if not, what are the projects, related to formed Coke which have been taken up during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Industrial trials have been conducted in the low shaft furnace of Kalinga iron works at Barbil, Orissa, with the formed coke developed and produced at Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI).

(b) The earlier proposal for setting up a 300 tonnes per day demonstration plant did not materialise with SAIL due to techno-economic reasons and environmental pollution problems. However based on trials conducted at Kalinga iron works SAIL is R&D is considering a proposal for setting up of a 100 tonnes per day formed coke demonstration plant.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) CFRI is engaged in R&D projects related to the production of formed coke for industrial and metallurgical purposes based on semi-coke char and tar from commercial low temperature carbonisation (LTC) plants.

Discrimination against Lady teachers in Ordnance Factory School, Ambajhari

2512. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of teachers in the Ordnance Factory School Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra;

(b) the number of those teachers who are permanent and of those who do not enjoy the service conditions of permanent teachers;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 17 teachers including ladies are working in that school for the past five years without enjoying either the pay scale or other amenities and facilities enjoyed by the permanent teachers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that services of these teachers are terminated after each academic session and then freshly appointed;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for discrimination towards these teachers; and

(f) whether the Central Administrative Tribunal gave a decision on these teachers' petition on 21st June, 1989; if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government on the decision of CAT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.